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Michigan Wing Summer Encampment Newsletter



What a Great Place to be!

It is Day 2 of the 2016 Michigan Wing Encampment and you're all doing great; staff, cadets, and students alike! If you believe you can do it, you will be able to, and this is clear from the work we have seen so far. Keep doing what you are doing and this week will fly by faster than you can say your Chain of Command (since it should be memorized by now, right?).

"Wake up with determination and go to bed with motivation." -Lt Chavis



What is the Golden Brick?

Today is the first day of mail call where you will hear about the famous golden brick. The brick is a sacred item to the Michigan Wing Encampment. It is awarded only to the most deserving staff members during the week. When a staff member is nominated for a brick, the nomination will be read out loud to the encampment and then the basic cadets will "vote" on if that staff member is worthy of a brick. When a staff member is gifted with having a brick, they must keep that brick on them at all times until mail call the next day (excluding personal time). Remember, a brick is only awarded to a staff member who is deserving in all forms. The brick is sacred and shall not be taken lightly.



Today in history:

It is Amelia Earhart's birthday!

The first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic ocean and one of the world's most famous aviators is born on this day in Kansas in 1888.



Staff Spotlight:

Encampment Cadet Commander

C/Lt Col Joseph Kowalski



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Kowalski is the Encampment Cadet Commander. He does most of the planning for the cadet staff, communicates with the senior members on various cadet matters, and mentors the entire cadet staff. This will be his sixth encampment and he comes from Van Dyke Cadet Squadron. C/Lt Col Kowalski believes that the best part of encampment is the family atmosphere, how everyone is respectful, works together, and helps each other. He describes leadership as "the potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy." General Norman Schwarzkopf is his biggest inspiration. The general was a servant leader who hung out with privates and made sure all his people were doing ok during Desert Storm.

Fun fact: He has played piano for 11 years and guitar for 2.



Random Fact of the Day:

If you think Basic is hard, giraffes give birth standing up and their babies have a 7 foot drop.

Daily Safety Reminder:

Sunscreen is mandatory! It is very sunny.

Drink one canteen an hour, add salt to your food to help retain water, and drink apple juice to hydrate as well.



"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it."

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If you don't ask, the answer will always be no.

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If you don't step forward, you will always be in the same place."

